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Dear Alumni and Friends:

Last spring, in a letter and in the pages of Albany Law School Magazine, I outlined our strategy to strengthen the Law School’s admissions criteria and academic programming. This fall, it is my pleasure to bring you more exciting news from Albany Law School that illustrates how we are gaining momentum in our endeavor to become an even stronger, more distinctive institution.

In the following pages, you’ll meet our newest endowed professor, Sheldon Halpern, the Harold R. Tyler, Jr. Chair in Law and Technology. (Sadly, you will also read of the passing of the professorship’s beloved namesake.)

You will also read about our first grants of the new Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) and the way that this long-awaited program is helping to alleviate the burden of student loans on graduates pursuing careers in public interest law and, at the same time, to reinforce the Law School’s values of justice and service.

Albany Law School recently marked the 30th Anniversary of in-house legal clinics and you will read about how the Clinic’s compelling history serves as a springboard for the exciting things happening today and yet to come, including a Clinic Alumni constituent group.

As we work together to attract the best students and faculty, it is imperative that we consistently communicate what distinguishes Albany Law School from other law schools in the minds of the public. I am happy to announce that we have retained Genovese Coustenis Foster (GCF), a Baltimore-based communications firm with expertise in higher education marketing, to help us identify and publicize Albany Law School’s unique “brand.” I am confident that this investment in our public image will complement the hard work we are all doing to raise our profile. I will be sure to keep you updated on our progress.

Very importantly, this magazine contains one of my favorite features, our annual Report of Gifts, detailing the impressive support of our generous alumni, faculty, staff and many friends. This year, my third at Albany Law School, has been an especially gratifying one because of the strong financial support we are receiving as we make extraordinary institutional changes. Our decision to reduce class size to achieve a better student/faculty ratio and a higher level of student success will mean a reduction of some $4 million in tuition revenues by the third year of the reductions, 2006-07. Donors have responded to that news with added giving and an optimistic investment in the future of the oldest independent law school in the nation.

Thank you to all the donors who together made this the best year in history for cash in to the annual fund by June 30, the end of our fiscal year. I extend my special thank you to Trustee Robert Miller ’68 for his leadership as national chair of the annual fund.

I travel throughout the year to meet alumni one-on-one or in small and large gatherings. It is the most gratifying part of the job of Dean. I appreciate the hospitality of our hosts and the loyalty of our many guests who attend in cities from Plattsburgh to Miami. I learn a great deal from talking with you, whether you are complimenting us or sharing concerns, and I will continue to come out to meet you where you practice and live.

We all look forward to another exciting year of change and tradition at Albany Law School. Thank you to all the alumni and friends who added to our solid foundation for the future this year.

Thomas F. Guernsey

President and Dean
Professor and Former Dean John T. Baker Retires

In April, faculty, alumni, students, and friends gathered at a musical tribute to Professor and former Dean John T. Baker, who retired at the end of the academic year.

“John Baker’s dedication—to the causes he believed in and the students he taught—is truly admirable,” said Dean Thomas Guernsey, as the Law School celebrated Professor Baker’s distinguished career achievements, including many “firsts.”

“John has been a leader throughout his adult life,” said Professor Stephen Gottlieb, who worked closely with then-Dean Baker to organize a conference, “Compelling Government Interests,” which brought Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor to Albany Law School.

“John Baker was the first president of the New York Urban Coalition Venture Capital Corporation, the first black faculty member of the Yale Law School, a post for which he was recruited by then-dean Louis Pollak, and our only black Dean,” said Professor Gottlieb. “From the first day I was impressed by his standards, his dedication, his sincerity and his decency.

He has been a tireless fighter for freedom and justice. And he is a dear friend.”

Baker entered legal education after serving as a judicial clerk for Hon. Harold R. Tyler in U.S. District Court of the Southern District of New York. In the mid-seventies, he taught law at Yale, New York University, and Indiana University, and he served as dean of Howard University Law School in the mid-eighties.

“I was very attracted by the prospect of having some influence on future lawyers, helping them to understand and appreciate the respect that I have for the legal system, and exposing them to some of the values which I believe to substantially undergird the system,” Baker told Albany Law School Magazine shortly after being named dean in 1991.

An active member of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund’s executive committee for many years, Baker was committed to using the law as an avenue for social change. As Dean, Baker worked with a panel of students and attorneys on programs to make law school more accessible for minorities, and he invited Time Warner Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Richard D. Parsons, then-CEO of Dime Savings Bank and known for encouraging banks to invest in inner city neighborhoods, to deliver the 1993 Sobota Lecture.

Under Baker’s leadership, Albany Law School’s Clinic program expanded to include the Domestic Violence Project and the AIDS/HIV project. “These clinical projects have become a testament to John’s foresight and vision,” said Clinic co-Director Mary Lynch. “Not only are current and prospective students enormously interested in the work of the clinics but the community has come to rely on these clinics as centers of justice for those living with HIV/AIDS and for domestic violence survivors.”

Professor Baker has taught corporate law and civil rights at Albany Law School since stepping down as dean in 1993.

The April tribute included the unveiling of Baker’s decanal portrait, painted by retired state Supreme Court justice and artist Irad Ingraham ’60.
Sheldon W. Halpern, former C. William O’Neill Professor of Law and Judicial Administration at the Moritz College of Law, at The Ohio State University, has joined the faculty as the Hon. Harold R. Tyler, Jr., Chair in Law & Technology at Albany Law School.

“Sheldon Halpern’s expertise in intellectual property law and technology and the law will further enrich our stimulating intellectual environment and our reputation for producing attorneys prepared for global, interdisciplinary, technological, and challenging practice,” said President and Dean Thomas F. Guernsey.

“I am honored to be associated with Judge Tyler, whose distinguished record is an aspirational beacon for all of us and I am delighted to be a part of the Albany Law School faculty with its commitment to excellence and to the future of the legal profession and legal education,” said Halpern, who will receive a joint appointment as a senior scholar with the Science and Technology Law Center.

A professor at The Ohio State University College of Law since 1984, Halpern has also served as the Phil and Bobbie San Filippo Professor of Law at Santa Clara University School of Law. Prior to accepting academic appointments, he practiced law in New York and Minnesota and served for ten years as general counsel and a senior officer of large public corporations, including Viacom International, Inc.

Halpern is the director and organizer of a series of interdisciplinary conferences exploring the impact of technology and intellectual property law on the creation, dissemination, and protection of intellectual property. In addition to law professors and attorneys, the international conferences attract a range of academic and other professionals from technology and the arts.


“Sheldon Halpern’s appointment as the Tyler Chair in Law & Technology at Albany Law School is a spectacular addition to the Law School’s already strong intellectual property and science and technology programs,” said Professor Gregory N. Mandel, who specializes in intellectual property, technology, science, and law issues.

A New York City native, Halpern received his undergraduate degree from Cornell University, and graduated first in his class from Cornell University Law School. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and the Ohio and Minnesota Bar Associations. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute.

The Hon. Harold R. Tyler, Jr. Chair in Law & Technology was established by alumni and friends in honor of the renowned jurist, public servant, and named partner of Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler who passed away in May, 2005. (Please see In Memoriam on page 40.)

GLC’s Sandman Fellows to Study Demands on the Long Term Care Workforce

Second-year students Francesca Fonte and Stacey L. Stump received the Margaret and Edgar A. Sandman ’46 Fellowship, to pursue intensive studies of aging law and policy issues at the Government Law Center.

Fonte and Stump will spend their fellowship year examining legal issues related to workforce development in the long-term care field. The Sandman Fellows’ report, to be published in spring 2006, will offer policymakers options for ensuring a trained and educated workforce exists to meet the demands of caring for the rapidly growing aging population.

Fonte, of Roselle Park, N.J., holds a bachelor’s degree, summa cum laude, from St. John’s University. She is a member of the Law School’s *Environmental Outlook Journal* and worked as a paralegal before enrolling in law school.

Stump, of New Rochelle, N.Y., holds a bachelor’s degree from Hamilton College. Also a member of the *Environmental Outlook Journal*, she has worked as an intern at the New York State Department of State and United States House of Representatives.

The Edgar A. and Margaret Sandman ’46 Fellowship, established in 1992, is named for the former banking executive and chair of the Albany Law School Board of Trustees and his wife. The prize is awarded to second year law students, who spend a year studying a critical issue in aging or health law.
In Brief

Exciting Changes Reflect Emphasis on Enrollment

Albany Law School's initiative to continually improve the quality of incoming students and provide them with a world-class student experience is reflected in the recent creation of a new position and the hiring of a top expert to fill it.

Richard Ludwick has been named Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs. Reporting directly to President and Dean Thomas Guernsey, he will oversee the offices of Admissions, Career Services, Financial Aid and Student Affairs. His most recent position was as Assistant Dean and Lecturer at the University of Florida's Fredric G. Levin College of Law. Before that, he was Assistant Dean for Student Affairs (Dean of Students) at the University of Oregon School of Law. An Attorney, he also practiced law with Ludwick & LaRue, P.C., a firm specializing in higher education law as well as business, sports and entertainment, from 1991-99. He has also served as Assistant Director of Admissions at The American University in Washington, D.C. He has taught, lectured and presented widely at colleges around the country and has authored numerous articles on subjects related to college admissions and student affairs. He holds a J.D. degree from Indiana University and will soon complete an Ed.D. degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Oregon. He also holds an M.A. in Higher Education from Columbia University and a B.A. in History from the University of Evansville, where he was director of admissions and financial aid at the school with distinction for nearly 18 years and Nancy Kelsey, the law school's registrar, recently left the law school to pursue new professional opportunities. Gail Bensen, former executive assistant to Dean Guernsey was named Director of Admissions and Barbara Jordan-Smith, who had been with Albany International, was named to replace her. Joann Fitzsimmons, former registrar at the Sage Colleges, was named registrar.

Government Law Center Addresses State Laws Governing Public Authorities, Procurement


Also this spring, 250 state and local government officials and vendors attended the first comprehensive public examination of New York’s procurement law. Topics for the symposium “Evaluating New York Procurement Law as the Sun Sets: An analysis of the Past Ten Years, included competitive bidding, best value, and centralized contracts, vendor responsibility, the applicability of procurement laws to public authorities, and the impact of e-commerce and other innovative strategies.

Symposium Looks at Big Box Stores, Other Issues that Contribute to Sprawl

Big box development and other issues related to sprawl were addressed at a day-long symposium, “Sprawl: Emerging Issues and Successful Initiatives,” sponsored by the Environmental Outlook Journal and the Government Law Center in March.

J. Langdon Marsh, Esq., former Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and former director of the Government Law Center, delivered the keynote address and nationally-recognized experts participated on panels discussing geographic information systems for smarter urban planning; issues that emerge as suburbs encroach on military bases; workforce housing; and big box development.
Congressman John Sweeney Delivers Annual Sobota Lecture

Congressman John Sweeney was the 2005 speaker at the annual Sobota Lecture. He addressed issues related to homeland security.

Sweeney has served on the House Homeland Security Committee, which drafts the policies for the Department of Homeland Security. A current member on the House Appropriations Committee, Sweeney serves on the Homeland Security subcommittee, which provides funding for the Department of Homeland Security. He spoke about efforts to streamline the process of distributing critical first responder funding, which helps to provide the tools for homeland security.

The Edward C. Sobota '79 Memorial Lecture Series was established by Henry Sobota '77, the Sobota Family, and by the law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges.

Identity Theft and Privacy Issues Addressed at Symposium

The Journal of Science & Technology presented a symposium, “Legal Perspectives on Identity Theft and Privacy Interests,” recently, to discuss the impact of identity theft at all levels of society; legal and legislative responses; and privacy issues.

Experts who have testified at Congressional hearings, published, and appeared on national television participated, including Sgt. Fred Aliberti of the Albany Police Force; Betsy Broder of the Federal Trade Commission; James Fishman of Fishman & Neil; Jay and Linda Foley of the Identity Theft Resource Center; Helen Goff Foster of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr (and former attorney with the Federal Trade Commission); Thomas Gleason ’78 of Gleason Dunn Walsh & O’Shea; J.K. Hage III ’78 of Hage & Hage and The Griffiss Institute; Stan Karas of Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker; and Robert Ellis Smith, of the Privacy Journal.

Spring Public Forum Asks if New York State Should Reform its Divorce Laws

Albany Law School brought experts together to address the State's current divorce laws after the State Bar Association identified establishing a no-fault divorce as a legislative priority in 2005, and New York Court of Appeals Chief Judge Judith Kaye supported the Association’s stance in her February State of the Judiciary speech.

“No Fault v. Fault-based Divorces: Should New York Reform its Divorce Laws?” was the topic of the 2005 Public Forum.

The discussion, moderated by Hon. Liz Krueger, New York State Senate, featured panelists representing a cross-section of the positions and constituencies affected by this multifaceted issue, including Nancy Erickson, Esq.; Gloria Jacobs, National Organization for Women—New York State; Jo Katz, Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York; Lillian Kozak, CPA, National Organization for Women—New York State; Ellen Schell ’93, The Legal Project, Capital District Women’s Bar Association; and Bruce J. Wagner ’85, New York State Bar Association Family Law Section.

The Albany Law School Public Forum Series—free and open to the public—presents frank, inclusive, town-hall style discussions of current legal issues of public concern.
Awards and Achievements

Prof. Melissa L. Breger received the Shanara Gilbert Award at the annual Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education in Chicago.

Associate Dean Patricia E. Salkin received the 2004 Distinguished Alumna Award in Political Science from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy.

Prof. Mary Lynch received the Legal Aid Society’s Pro Bono Award in March in New York City.

Presentations

Prof. Joseph Baum conducted a CLE, “Representing Claimants and Employers in Unemployment Benefit Matters” on behalf of the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York and the Albany County Bar Association in May.

Prof. Ira Bloom presented “Trust Drafting Considerations for the New York Lawyer: Selected Aspects,” at the Trusts and Estates Law Section Annual Meeting in New York City in January. He presented a paper on QTIP Trusts in New York at the annual Sophisticated Trusts and Estates Law Institute, co-sponsored by the Trusts and Estates Law Section and the Committee on CLE of the New York State Bar Association.

Prof. Melissa Breger presented a paper to an international group of family law professors (ISFL) in Salt Lake City, UT. The topic was “A Comparative State Analysis: Introducing the Construct of a Jury into Family Violence Proceedings and Family Court Jurisprudence.” She also presented “Evidence for Family Court Judges” in Rochester, Albany, Long Island, and White Plains to New York State Judges through the Judicial Institute. In May, she presented “Evidentiary Issues in Family Violence Proceedings” to New York City judges and magistrates.

Prof. Patrick Connors and Prof. David D. Siegel presented a program on developments in New York practice for the Federation of Bar Associations of the Fourth Judicial District, in Montreal in April. He presented on inadvertent receipt of privileged materials and surreptitious recording of conversations at the New York State Bar Association’s annual meeting for the Committee on Professional Discipline. He also co-authored the lead article in the New York Law Journal’s special section dedicated to New York State Practice, "The 120-Day Deadline is Final, Usually: Rulings Define ‘Good Cause’ for Those Daredevil Attorneys Who Wait Too Long to Move for a Summary Judgement," in June. The article addressed the effect of the Court of Appeals’ 2004 decision in Bill v. City of New York.


Prof. Stephen Gottlieb spoke at Williams College on the U.S. Supreme Court and moral issues in January. He spoke on “The Supreme Court: What’s at Issue” at the North Chatham Free Library’s Civic Dialogue Series in February.

Prof. Lenese Herbert, a new faculty member of the American Law Institute-American Bar Association (ALI-ABA) Committee on Continuing Professional Education, spoke on cybercrimes and hacking issues, during the ALI-ABA’s “Internet Law for the Practical Lawyer” seminar in Washington, D.C., in April.

Prof. Timothy Lytton spoke at the Harvard Jewish Law Conference in May and served on a panel, “Perspectives on Law Teaching,” at Yale Law School in December.

several procedural and ethical issues regarding videotape surveillance.


**Prof. Lenese Herbert**’s latest scholarship, “Plantation Lullabies: How Fourth Amendment Policing Violates the Fourteenth Amendment Right of African Americans to Parent,” is the lead article in *St. John’s Journal of Legal Commentary* (winter/spring 2005).

**Prof. Mary Lynch** completed an article, “Designing a Hybrid Domestic Violence Prosecution Clinic: Making Bedfellows of Academics, Activists, and Prosecutors to Teach Students According to Clinical Theory and Best Practices.”

**Prof. Timothy Lytton** is the editor of *Suing the Gun Industry: A Battle at the Crossroads of Gun Control and Mass Torts*, published by the University of Michigan Press. He contributed the introduction and two chapters, “The NRA, the Brady Campaign, and the Politics of Gun Litigation” and “The Complementary Role of Tort Litigation in Regulating the Gun

Prof. James Redwood’s short story, “The Photograph,” appeared in the fall 2004 issue of the Kenyon Review. His stories have also been accepted for publication this year by Notre Dame Review, North Dakota Quarterly, and TriQuarterly, the literary magazine of Northwestern University.


Prof. Sandra Stevenson revised and updated twelve chapters in her six volume treatise Antieau on Local Government Law, Second Ed., and she is preparing a new edition of State and Local Government in a Federal System.

Professional Service

Prof. Ira Bloom, in his capacity as vice-chair of the Committee on Taxation, NYSBA Trusts and Estates Law Section, was the principal drafter of a proposed amendment to Estates, Powers and Trusts Law Section 7-3.1. In his capacity as member of the Consultative Group for the Restatement (Third) of Trusts, he attended a working session on Preliminary Draft No. 7 at the American Law Institute’s offices in Philadelphia.

Prof. Lenese Herbert served in an of counsel capacity on behalf of the defense in United States v. Lisa Louise Hayes, (E.D. North Carolina), requesting post-conviction relief for a former employee of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, alleging claims of ineffective assistance of counsel which, according to the defendant, improperly led her to plead guilty to one violation of a federal sexual assault statute.

Prof. Michael Hutter continues to present on evidence and no fault developments for the State’s trial and appellate judges at New York’s Judicial Institute. He has also worked with the Judicial Institute to publish a paper on the Supreme Court’s revolutionary decision in Crawford v. Washington and its effect on the admission of hearsay testimony in criminal trials.

Prof. Gregory Mandel consulted with members of Congress, including Senator Jon Corzine’s (N.J.) office, concerning identity theft protection legislation.

Associate Dean Patricia E. Salkin was elected second vice-chair of the Municipal Law Section at the annual meeting of the New York State Bar Association.

Prof. Laurie Shanks taught at the Advanced Cross Examination Trial Practice Institute in Atlanta in October. The program was sponsored by the National Criminal Defense College. She also served on the Capital District Women’s Bar Association Judicial Screening Committee, which interviews candidates for judicial office in the Third and Fourth Districts, and rates them in terms of judicial temperament, integrity, industriousness, suitability for the position, and sensitivity to women and minorities. The ratings are made public to assist voters in making informed decisions.
Alumni in Government Constituent Group Recognizes Distinguished Government Service

The Law School’s Alumni in Government Constituent Group in conjunction with the Government Law Center presented the 2005 Distinguished Alumni in Government Award to Hon. Leonard A. Weiss ‘48 at a reception at the Governor’s Mansion in Albany in March.

Judge Weiss began his public service in the Army during World War II. He has served as a justice on Albany city court and the New York State Supreme Court; as presiding judge of the Appellate Division, Third Department; and as Commissioner of the New York State Public Service Commission.

Judge Weiss’ community service and public service has also been recognized with awards from the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York. He currently practices law with McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C.

Previous recipients of the Distinguished Alumni in Government Award include Hon. Randolph F. Treece ’76, United States District Court Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of New York; Hon. James P. King ’59, Government Lawyer in Residence at the Government Law Center; Michael J. Hoblock, Jr., ’67, chairman, New York State Racing and Wagering Board; Hon. Anthony Cardona ’70, presiding justice, Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court, Third Judicial Department; and Hon. Warren Anderson ’40, former New York State Senate Majority Leader.

The Alumni Association sponsored its annual reception to honor new members of the bar, immediately following the New York State Bar Admission Ceremony in January. Recent Albany Law School graduates celebrated with their family and friends in the Albany Room at the Empire State Plaza.

Recent graduates, including Edward Cummings ’04, celebrated with their families at the annual Bar Passers Reception held on January 26 following the New York State Bar swearing-in ceremony in Albany.

Karen Rhoades ’04, Dana Blackmon ’04, and Ryan Henry ’04
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*January 26, 2006*

For more information on any of these events, or to register, visit [www.alsalumni.com](http://www.alsalumni.com), call the Alumni Office at 518-445-3220, or e-mail alumni@mail.als.edu.

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*Left: Ben Wolf ’04, Eric Sugar ’03, and Meredith Moriarty ’03 at the New York Alumni Reception in January, 2005.*

*Below: The Class of 1971 was well represented at the New York City Alumni Reception. L to R, Lisa Whitney, Richard D. Parsons, Robert Hallenbeck and David Strickland III.*

*Thomas Thomas ’59, Professor Kathe Klare, and William Redmond ’55 at the Syracuse Alumni reception hosted by Thomas Thomas ’59 at The Wellington House.*

*President and Dean Thomas Guernsey presented certificates to Lester Rappaport ’35 and Leo Sawyko ’35 commemorating the seventieth anniversary of their graduation from Albany Law School. The reception, held at Constellation Brands in Rochester, NY, was hosted by Thomas J. Mullin ’76.*
It all started with Attica. Fallout from the worst prison riot of the 20th century made prison conditions a hot topic in New York’s halls of justice in the early 1970s, and the Albany Law School Clinic’s roots are planted firmly in the State’s response to the tragedy. In the 30 years hence, thousands of Clinic students have gained hands-on legal experience in a myriad of other issues as well. The Clinic has now evolved into one of the most diverse and successful programs operating at a school the size of Albany Law.

Some of the Clinic’s staff, faculty and students gather to mark its 30th anniversary in front of the building that now houses its state-of-the-art facility.
Recollections from the early days:
Responding to Prisoners' Needs in the 1970s

Albany Law School jumped with both feet into the world of clinical education during the academic year of 1974-75. Judicial concern for prisoners’ rights was growing in the wake of the uprising over conditions at Attica Prison in the summer of 1971. The riot had precipitated a violent response from guards and state police and led to the deaths of 20 prisoners and ten prison officials taken hostage. Lawyers for the prisoners filed a class-action lawsuit against prison and state officials in 1974. (Many years later it resulted in an $8 million payment to the 1,280 men harassed during the attack.)

“Even if they didn’t support the Warren court, the conservative judiciary could see the handwriting on the wall,” recalls Professor Dan Moriarty, the first faculty member to head the Law Clinic in 1975. He is now Chair of the Tenured Faculty and teaches criminal law. “The federal and state courts were clearly interested in evaluating the rights of prisoners, who until that time had no real access to legal remedies.

“They realized that there was a lot of pent-up frustration brewing. They knew they were headed for a series of lawsuits and public relations disasters unless something was done,” Moriarty added.

Judge J. Clarence Herlihy of the 3rd Department of the State Appellate Division called for a system whereby prisoners could file grievances and even sue over the terms and conditions affecting their lives. He looked to nearby Albany Law School to make it happen. As Moriarty explains it, Albany Law School was a good place for the courts to turn—the work would be essentially free, and students would be learning something at the same time.

A self-described “young pup,” Moriarty was chosen to provide the academic imprimatur to the new Albany Law School Legal Assistance Project and recruit a handful of students. The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) funded the program.

Another young attorney, Lanny Walter, who was working with Legal Aid, was asked to serve as the practicing attorney supervising the program. Lewis Oliver, a criminal defense attorney, joined him, along with Elizabeth Gaynes, a former activist defense attorney at Attica married to a prisoner. (Gaynes is now executive director of the Osborne Association, a statewide organization serving prisoners’ needs.)

With the LEAA grant in place, the faculty and students got started—and soon embarked upon their first trip—to Great Meadow, a maximum security prison in Comstock, New York.

“It had everything you could imagine in your worst prison nightmare—big walls, turrets, castles, and slamming doors,” Moriarty reminisced. “I remember, like it was yesterday, walking between the two sets of thick walls 50 or 60 feet apart and knowing this was the place where they would shoot you if you tried to escape. At the end of the day when that last door closed behind us and we were outside, we let out a big sigh of relief.”

What Moriarty, Walter, Oliver, Gaynes and their students were doing behind those walls was addressing myriad concerns of the incarcerated population. “We were all shocked to see that the prison system was really a law unto itself,” recalls Moriarty. “We dealt with individual people and individual problems,” he explained. “The attorneys and students fought to help prisoners get their mail, special diets and religious clothing, or seek to reduce delays, change jurisdictions, or move to.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCES,
PRE-1975

Although the stage may have been set for clinical experiences as far back as the 1920s when Albany Law School students began volunteering at the Legal Aid Society, clinical practice was still considered radical through the 1950s.

In fact, in 1953, Andrew V. Clements, then dean of Albany Law, wrote an article in the New York State Bar Bulletin, arguing against clinical law school curricula. In his conclusion, Clements wrote, “An over-emphasis upon practical training, or know-how, could dull our sense of moral values and make of the law schools little more than vocational institutions.”

Despite such protestations, legal education changed over the ensuing 20 years and law clinics began to pop up around the country in the 1970s as students demanded real practice opportunities. In that decade at Albany Law School, classroom discussions began to turn to more day-to-day learning opportunities in courses like Conscience and the Constitution, Land Use Planning and Natural Resources Law, Poverty and the Law, and Urban Legal Problems.

In the 1970s, in a course called The Law and the Year 2000, students and faculty discussed the legal aspects of social issues. Faculty even allowed the students to go to Washington, D.C. to attend Vietnam War protests. However, in terms of legal practice, students still got very few “real world” experiences beyond clerkships.
lower-security facilities. We questioned disciplinary measures and loss of privileges, as well as how ‘good time,’ time on parole, time served and time in ‘The Box’ was counted.”

“The judges just thought it would calm things down for the prisoners to have someone to talk to, but we actually won some cases,” Moriarty said. “We won many legal battles that we believed may have set precedent.”

Supervising attorney Lanny Walter, now in private practice in Albany, spent seven years with the clinic and recounted similar memories. “Relatively quickly we embarked on some interesting journeys,” Walter recalls. “I remember it as very exciting and demanding.

“Things actually got controversial because we were putting all of our youthful energy into really asserting these prisoners’ rights. It was the first time that the system experienced lawyers pushing back [on behalf of prisoners] and the courts for a while began to have second thoughts,” he laughed. “But we had some key victories and did a very credible job and became accepted. After two years, the LEAA said they would entertain an application to create a statewide program.”

That program was known as Prisoners’ Legal Services and students were placed with PLS for the next approximately thirty years.

Walter added that the students and faculty were instrumental in establishing formal grievance procedures statewide. Inmates even began to sit as voting members on committees. “The only problem was that if they voted wrong on a committee, they might very well get transferred to a worse prison,” he added. “But then we’d defend their first amendment rights.”

Walter’s explanation of his experiences thirty years ago is still apt today: “There were so many opportunities to learn every aspect of the law. There was a very vulnerable population out there with a lot of need—and we gave them support.”

One of those first students, Anita Thayer ’81, remembers her days with the project in 1977 (when only about 20 percent of the students were women.) “I jumped into the Legal Aid Project and then got involved in PLS because it was the only clinical opportunity at the time. It seemed like it would be a really positive experience, and it was.

“I remember being very conscious of the need to be very well prepared,” recalled Thayer. “We were dealing with tough issues and appearing in Washington County Court. This was the real thing. I soon came to appreciate how serious the law was,” she said. “We prepared. We made arguments, Judges listened to us. Sometimes we won and sometimes we didn’t. We dealt with everything from prison conditions to the quality of health care. I handled a lot of family law issues for prisoners—divorce, custody, visitation. I found that I really liked providing individual services to individual clients—touching real life. And I still enjoy that today.”

The 1980s Bring Expansion: New Projects Integrate Education, Practice, and Community Service

The 1980s brought major steps in the evolution of the Clinic. Professor Joseph Baum ’72 was hired to establish the Litigation Project in 1981. He continues to direct that Project.

“The clinical movement was underway at Albany Law School and across the country, but there was much more to come,” he remembers. “The Litigation Project took on many kinds of cases—divorce, unemployment, mortgage foreclosures and bankruptcies.”

The Litigation Project now represents clients in unemployment insurance benefit cases. One case that stands out required two appeals to the Appellate Division of State Supreme Court before the employer,
a national airline, would pay the benefits to which the client was entitled.

In some cases, students have not only worked within the legal system, they’ve made law. The Civil Rights and Disabilities Law Project—started by Professor Nancy Maurer in 1983 and now headed by Professor Bridgit Burke ’89—represents clients with disabilities in special education, public benefits, and discrimination cases and has offered law students opportunities to participate in major litigation.

The Project made case law in *Russman v. Sobol*, which determined that public schools could enter religious schools to provide special education services. It helped David Glass ’95 sue the New York Board of Law Examiners to obtain four days instead of two to complete the bar exam due to his severe dyslexia and—in a case that made national headlines—successfully represented an Albany woman who suffered from a seizure disorder triggered by Entertainment Tonight host Mary Hart’s voice in an employment discrimination case.

“In my 25 years with the Clinic, I have seen it get so much bigger, offer so much more variety and get so many more students involved,” Baum said. “But the dual mission of helping the members of the community who need it most while at the same time providing practical experience for the students has stayed the same.”

“For me it is so satisfying to see students come in and have a lot of legal knowledge and latent ability but not much experience and then see that light bulb go on,” he added.

**The 1990s Bring Enhanced Educational Instruction, New Clinics, and High-Profile Cases**

The 1990s also served as a watershed era with the creation of programs like the Domestic Violence Project—which attracted national attention in two separate cases when it won clemency for survivors of domestic violence convicted of killing their abusers. The AIDS Law Project, started by Associate Dean Connie Mayer and now directed by Professor Joseph Connors ’88 became one of the first law-clinic programs to serve clients with AIDS or HIV. The decade culminated with the Clinic receiving the New York Bar Association’s Pro Bono award and recognition in *National Jurist* magazine.

Mimi Mairs ’96, now an assistant district attorney in the Sex Crimes and Child Abuse Bureau in the Bronx, remembers her days with the Domestic Violence project in 1995-96. “Even though I was from the beautiful, idyllic small-town community of Geneva, New York, I knew in law school that I wanted to be a big-city prosecutor. The Clinic solidified my interest and intent.”

“I had the wonderful experience of working with Professor Mary Lynch on the clemency case for Charline Brundidge,” she remembered. “She was the first abused woman in New York State to be granted clemency for a murder conviction.”

“She had been sent to prison in 1983, the ‘Dark Ages’ of domestic violence law,” Mairs explained. “She was convicted twice, once in 1983 and again after a new trial in 1985. But we put together a terrific case.”

“If there’s one thing I learned it was to pursue every relevant witness, every potential fact,” she added. “It was a really invaluable experience that certainly helped me land this tremendous gig in the Bronx where I love what I’m doing.”

**Progress continues in the 21st Century**

The 21st Century has brought even more progress. The AIDS Law Project expanded into a comprehensive Health Law Project, representing clients living with cancer and other chronic impairments. An Investors Rights program headed by former New York Court of Appeals Justice Howard Levine began representing investors on securities arbitration matters before the National Association of Securities Dealers and the New York Stock Exchange. The Low-Income Taxpayer Project, now directed by Professor David Pratt and Visiting Clinical Professor Jeffrey Pearlman, opened its doors to taxpayers who have disputes

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—Joseph Baum ’72
with the IRS, representing clients in both administrative and judicial proceedings.

In all of the projects, according to Clinic co-director Mary Lynch, “There is intensive involvement on the part of the students from the first client interview to the preparation of paperwork to the court appearances. The reins are let go more as students progress in experience. The students learn the theories, law, and tactics in class first, then apply them in simulated exercises and finally progress to real cases. They find that real-life clients are not predictable and things don’t always go as they might expect.”

Lynch added that it is a constant challenge to assure that the Clinic has enough resources and the right mix of projects, clients, students and faculty to provide an optimal education experience. “Unfortunately, when it comes to community need, we can never meet all of the demand,” she said.

Thanks to the students, faculty and attorneys who have gone before them, clinical students like Lorraine Jenkins ’05, enjoyed a wealth of programs, experiences and advisors in an up-to-date facility. And that’s an important component of law school admissions today.

“One of the reasons I chose Albany Law School over Cornell was the quality of its clinical program,” she says. “I worked as an advocate for battered women in Ithaca and heard about the Albany Law School DV clinic. It’s fantastic. I’ve represented Domestic Violence victims, drafted petitions, and even appeared in court, with Professor Melissa Breger (director of the Domestic Violence Project) on hand in the back of the courtroom. Toward the end, I was conducting client interviews and doing all of the speaking in court by myself. Like a medical residency, your role increases as your education, your experience and your confidence builds. I’ve learned so much.”

The client, contrary to the suggestion of the department of social services, had allowed her 8-month-old grandniece to have an unsupervised visit with the infant’s fifteen year old father. Isaiah Juste ’05 and Stacey Gilbert ’05 represented the client at an administrative hearing before the New York State Office of Children Youth and Families. Danielle Barone ’05 and Jennifer Gentry ’06 assisted in drafting the client’s appellate brief.

“This was a great team effort, involving pairs of students who participated in the clinical program during different semesters. These students provided excellent representation to this client, who is caring for several minor relatives, keeping her extended family together,” said Professor Connors.

2005 has been a year of celebrations. In the Spring, alumni returning to celebrate the Albany Law School Clinic’s recent 30th anniversary marveled at all that has been accomplished since its creation in 1974-75. Visitors toured the Clinic’s facility and tried out the technology available to the approximately 50 students who participate in the in-house Clinic every semester. They heard about its six far-reaching projects helping over 1,000 people and organizations every year and the victories, some of them high profile, won by some of the 800 students who have been involved in clinical experiences to date. But it’s the future of the program that is on the minds of the Clinic’s leaders, faculty and students.
Co-directors look to the future

As interesting as the history of the Clinic is, co-directors Mary Lynch and Nancy Maurer are more concerned about its future. Their dreams include obtaining “hard funding” beyond community service grants, and increasing communication and participation by Clinic alumni. “We would like to see more of our alumni come back and share their experiences with our students and find other ways to get involved in the future of the clinic,” said Maurer. “It’s such an important resource for students and I know that alumni would enjoy the experience.”

“Today’s law students expect a good clinical experience and they will get one at Albany Law School,” says Maurer. “But they often get much more than that. I have seen many instances where the program has totally changed students’ perspectives on law and life.”

You Are An Important Part of the Clinic’s Past. Be Part of its Future!

Stay in touch with your colleagues from the Albany Law School Clinic. A Clinic Alumni Group is in the planning stages. Contact Susan Terwilliger at 518/445-2328 or sterw@mail.als.edu for additional information.

Clinical Awards


1987 Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York Distinguished Service Award “in honor of your dedicated and effective representation of poor people in Albany County in the quest for equal justice,” presented to Professor Joseph Baum.

1995 New York State Association of Retarded Citizen’s Hodgson/Jacobs Law Award for “outstanding interest and commitment to disability law,” presented to Professor Joseph Connors.

1997 NOW’s “Making Waves Award” for work on behalf of women, presented to Professor Mary Lynch.

1998 Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York Distinguished Service Award—Private Attorney Involvement Program for “outstanding pro bono service to low income clients in the Capital District” presented to Professor Joseph Baum and the Albany Law School Litigation Project.

1999 “Clinics that are making a difference” feature in National Jurist magazine.

1999 New York State Bar Association Pro Bono Service Award presented to the Clinical Legal Studies Program at Albany Law School

2003 New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Community Leader of the Year Award, presented to Professor Nancy Maurer

2004 Legal Aid Society of New York 2004 Pro Bono Award for “outstanding service” to Legal Aid clients for her work on clemency for battered women, presented to Professor Mary Lynch.

2005 The Shanara Gilbert Award from the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) was presented to Professor Melissa Breger at the AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education in Chicago. The prestigious national award recognizes emerging clinical law professors who demonstrate a commitment to teaching and achieving social justice, a passion for providing legal services and access to justice to individuals and groups most in need, and service to the field of clinical legal education.

2005 The Clinic was a finalist for the Judy M. Weightman Memorial Public Interest Award given by the American Bar Association.
The new Loan Repayment Assistance Program at Albany Law School is helping graduates overcome financial obstacles and pursue rewarding careers in public service.
Law school graduates who have the desire to work in public service often find themselves compelled to seek other, more profitable avenues. High educational debt and low salaries for government and public interest law positions create many roadblocks. But the new Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) at Albany Law School is helping graduates overcome those barriers and paving the way to rewarding careers in public service.

Launched in fall 2004, LRAP provides financial assistance to recent graduates who accept jobs in the public interest. The first round of LRAP recipients was named in January; nine graduates from the classes of 2003 and 2004 are now finding it a little easier to pay the bills and continue doing the good work that they are doing.

“Albany Law School is committed to making public service careers more financially viable for our graduates,” says President and Dean Thomas F. Guernsey. “The LRAP program we have created is intended to provide a financial bridge for graduates leaving law school with the heavy burden of education loans and entering low income public interest careers.”

LRAP in Brief
LRAP is a loan subsidy program with the benefit of loan forgiveness if the recipient continues to work in public service. Graduates from the Class of 2003 or later who work in qualified public service positions and meet other eligibility requirements can qualify for up to $10,000 a year for three years.

The initial focus was on graduates doing “pure public interest legal work,” says Connie Mayer, associate dean for student affairs and head of the school’s Ad Hoc Committee on Loan Forgiveness. These are typically the lowest-paying jobs.
and include civil legal services, public and appellate defenders, and positions with advocacy groups, community services, cause-related organizations and other nonprofits.

The next priority was graduates working in district attorney’s or public defender’s offices. Initially, attorneys in other areas of government did not qualify, but Mayer was contacted by a graduate representing abused and neglected children in a family court unit within New York City municipal government, and the committee decided to expand eligibility. Now, lawyers in local, state, and federal government who meet salary guidelines can also apply.

LRAP is administered by the Law School’s Financial Aid Office. Grant recipients who demonstrate continued eligibility receive loan distribution payments twice each year.

Supporting Independence

“LRAP makes my work with people with disabilities possible,” says Scott Owens ’03, who works for the Capital District Center for Independence, Inc., in Albany. “LRAP lets me help people and still be able to pay my bills.” The nonprofit center helps more than 1,150 people each year with their benefits, housing, and legal rights.

Owens advises clients of their legal, economic and civil rights under federal and state laws protecting people with disabilities. He represents clients at Social Security hearings, sets up supplemental needs trusts, advocates for clients who are denied Medicare reimbursements or Medicaid, and pursues discrimination claims. As director of advocacy, he oversees the Center’s department of peer advocates, who are not lawyers but who know the system and perhaps have dealt with a disability themselves, and can help clients peer to peer.

“It’s a positive and supportive environment,” Owens says. He is able to spend a lot of time with clients, helping them understand their rights, reviewing their options and the consequences, and following up. “I wouldn’t have that opportunity in a private law firm.”

The tradeoff is a much lower salary, which makes it challenging to afford payments on $106,000 in educational debt and still live comfortably. That’s where LRAP comes in.

Owens’ interest in working in public service is long-standing. After graduating from Connecticut College, he worked as a paralegal for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. While in law school, the Delmar, N.Y., native worked for the New York State Attorney General’s Office in the Environmental Protection Bureau. After law school, he volunteered at the Center for Independence until he was offered a position.

For disabled clients experiencing problems at work, Owens helps them request a reasonable accommodation, and follows up with the client or employer as necessary. For clients who cannot work, he helps them assess their assets, develop a long range plan, and identify and apply for benefits. “A lot of our clients don’t have money; they wouldn’t be able to get this kind of help if it wasn’t for the Center,” Owens says.

A Heavy Burden

Educational debt like Owens’s is unfortunately common. A 2002 national survey of graduating law students showed that 50 percent carry more than $75,000 in law school debts, and 20 percent have debts exceeding $105,000. More than half of the respondents reported additional undergraduate education debt.
Members of the Class of 2004 carried an average law school debt (including federal and private sources) of $73,480, not including undergraduate education loans.

According to the same 2002 survey, median law student educational debt was $84,400 in 2001, an increase of 59 percent from 1993. The survey was conducted for a report, “From Paper Chase to Money Chase: Law School Debt Diverts Road to Public Service,” published jointly by Equal Justice Works, the Partnership for Public Service, the National Association for Law Placement, and the National Legal Aid and Defender Association. The report showed that educational debt prevents many law graduates from choosing careers in public service.

The prevalence of “mortgage-sized educational debt” is attributed to the steep rise in law school tuition in the past decade, the report says. Overall, law school tuition doubled from 1991 to 2001, and private law school tuition rose 76 percent nationally in that time. Albany Law School’s tuition, though below national averages, has increased 50 percent in the past five years, from $19,995 in 1999 to $29,963 in the fall of 2004.

The vast majority of graduates entering the legal workforce are making debt payments that average close to $1,000 a month, according to the 2002 report. This can make paying rent, utilities, gas and food extremely difficult, depending on the graduate’s career choice—and therefore salary.

### Law School Tuition

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Sources: ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar; Albany Law School Office of Financial Aid

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### Median Starting Salaries: 1991 - 2001

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According to “From Paper Chase to Money Chase,” the salary differential only grows as attorneys rise in seniority. Seventh-year attorneys at small private firms can earn more than twice what their public interest counterparts earn, and at large private firms, salaries can exceed four times the salaries of public interest attorneys with the same seniority.

There is no denying that money matters:

### Out of Balance

Historically, private practice positions have paid much more than public interest and government careers, but in recent years, that salary gap has widened dramatically. From 1991 to 2001, median starting salaries for private practice positions rose 80 percent, while starting salaries for public interest and government jobs both rose only 37 percent.
56 percent of law graduate respondents to the 2002 national survey said that salary was one of the three most important reasons to pursue or not to pursue a job, followed closely by the nature of the work, at 52 percent.

**Road Diverted**

The result of these factors—increasing law school tuition adding to staggering educational debt and low salaries for public interest work—is that many law school graduates simply cannot afford to take positions in public interest law or government, despite their interest.

The national survey conducted for “From Paper Chase to Money Chase” shows that law school debt prevented 66 percent of respondents from considering a public interest or government job. At Albany Law, an average of 1.9 percent of graduates in five years (from 1999 to 2003) took pure public interest positions, slightly below the national average for the time of 2.9 percent of law graduates. Only eight graduates between 2000 and 2002 took civil legal service jobs or other nonprofit legal work.

Yet in the spring 2003, 72 percent of Albany Law School students who responded to a Public Interest/Loan Forgiveness Survey said they would be more likely to pursue public interest careers were it not for their law school indebtedness alone, and 29 percent indicated that a public interest career had been foremost on their minds when they first decided to become a lawyer.

Joseph Connors, director of the Health Law Project at the Albany Law School Clinic, sees many students who are committed to public service. “Many of our students would have made great public interest advocates, but decided they couldn’t pursue their preferred career choice because of the great financial obstacles in their way,” Connors says.

Of the graduates that take positions in public service, many are compelled to move to the private sector or even non-legal employment after a few years where they can earn higher salaries. The recruitment and retention challenges for legal service organizations and other public sector employers has resulted in a shortage of qualified public interest attorneys.

**The Big Picture**

Equal Justice Works, a national nonprofit that supports public service minded law students, contends that our justice system is in crisis. “Lawyers are increasingly out of reach of the vast majority of people in this
country, most particularly the poor. Today, few law graduates can afford to go into public service helping low income people protect their most basic rights.”

Research conducted by Legal Services Corp. in 1993 revealed that nearly half of all people who applied for assistance from local programs were turned away because of a lack of resources, and a 1994 study by the American Bar Association (ABA) showed that 80 percent of low-income people in this country do not have access to legal services.

The ABA concluded in a 2003 report that “the legal profession cannot honor its commitment to the principles of access to justice if significant numbers of law graduates are precluded from pursuing or remaining in public service jobs.” Clearly, something needed to be done.

**Tides of Change**

The shortage of public interest attorneys had plagued the legal profession and underrepresented segments of society for years. But recently, the combination of skyrocketing tuition rates and education debt and increasing awareness of the barriers to entering public service careers has led to studies, surveys, reports, resources, and solutions.

The New York State Bar Association released a report in 2002 on “Attracting Qualified Attorneys to Public Service,” and formed a Special Committee on Student Loan Assistance for the Public Interest. The committee recommended that each law school in New York offer a program to assist students seeking employment in public service or public interest law, have a committee working on student indebtedness, and provide mandatory debt prevention education to students.

And in 2003, the ABA’s Commission on Loan Repayment and Forgiveness released “Lifting the Burden: Law Student Debt as a Barrier to Public Service.” The commission recommended that law schools should “treat as a priority” the creation and funding for public interest oriented loan assistance programs.

The ripple effect reached Albany Law School, and found it ripe for positive change.

**Agents for Change**

“Albany Law had explored the possibility of establishing a loan repayment assistance program in 1990, but the effort didn’t get very far,” Associate Dean Connie Mayer recalls. “This time, the impetus came from the students.”

One of those students was Cassandra Kelleher ’04, a self-described “bleeding heart” progressive liberal who believed that she could change the world. “When I first came to law school, 20 years old and full of idealistic intentions, I had quite a shock,” she says. “I assumed more students would be interested in public service work. But the reality is that graduates coming out of law school with more than $100,000 in debt don’t have the luxury of making realistic job choices.”

Kelleher decided that graduates needed a financial incentive to go into and stay in public interest jobs where they can truly make a difference. Other leading law schools offered loan repayment assistance programs, and Albany Law School was a prime candidate for one, with its public service-oriented Clinic and ties to New York state government.

She and several other students built a compelling case for starting an LRAP program at Albany Law School. They surveyed the student body, elicited an impressive number of responses, tallied

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**Resources**

Resources for law students and attorneys interested in public service abound. Here are three national organizations:

- **Public Service Law Network Worldwide**
  [www.pslawnet.org](http://www.pslawnet.org)

- **Equal Justice Works**
  [www.equaljusticeworks.org](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org)

- **Partnership for Public Service**
  [www.ourpublicservice.org](http://www.ourpublicservice.org)
the results, and presented their findings to the Dean.

“At a time when the number of Albany Law School graduates going into public interest law was well below the national average, we showed that a significant number of students—72 percent—wanted to go into public interest, but their only obstacle was their law school debt,” Kelleher says.

The Dean approved the concept of developing a loan assistance program in spring 2003, and commissioned the Ad Hoc Committee on Loan Forgiveness. “When I proposed the idea, it seemed an unattainable goal,” she says. “But to my surprise, it became very attainable.”

LRAP Unwrapped

The committee studied loan assistance programs at other law schools and set eligibility criteria that they felt would be fair. “At the same time, we wanted to keep the criteria narrow enough that we could make a significant financial contribution to each recipient,” Mayer says.

The Dean approved the committee’s proposal in fall 2003, and work proceeded to make the plans a reality. “We were fortunate to have a Dean who was committed to making this happen,” Mayer says.

Kelleher petitioned the Student Bar Association (SBA) and the student body to donate surplus SBA funds used for social and recreational purposes to the LRAP program instead. The SBA donated $10,000 to create an endowed LRAP fund, and the Dean’s Office generously agreed to match the contribution.

The proceeds from the Public Interest Auction in the 2004 also went to the LRAP fund. Kelleher, the student co-coordinator of the auction, secured low-cost or donated items and services from businesses, and they held the auction for half the cost of the previous year. Items such as BAR/BRI vouchers for bar review courses drew a crowd from the Law School, and the auction was well-attended by the community. All told, they raised nearly $45,000 for LRAP, which was ceremonially inaugurated at the auction.

Seeking Justice

Carla Tesoro ’04, now an assistant district attorney for Bronx County, N.Y. in the Domestic Violence Bureau.

“As a domestic violence prosecutor, I have the duty to seek justice and not merely convictions,” Tesoro says. Her “client” is the state of New York, and Tesoro considers the State’s interest in holding defendants accountable for their crimes as well as the impact a prosecution has on the survivors of domestic violence.

Tesoro has long been dedicated to public interest work. After graduating from St. Joseph’s University, she signed on with AmeriCorps and was placed with YWCA Battered Women’s Services in her hometown of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She was drawn to Albany Law School because of its excellent reputation in the domestic violence community. As a student, she participated in the Clinic and assisted on cases in Rensselaer County’s specialized domestic violence court.

The LRAP program is proving very helpful. “Working for a government agency, living in Manhattan, and having a substantial amount of debt make it exceedingly difficult to make ends meet,” Tesoro says. “My LRAP loan is making it easier.”
She says that LRAP will also draw potential applicants to the Law School. “Students interested in public service look for LRAP programs at law schools. Having one will help Albany Law School expand on the reputation that the school and the Clinic have built: that of a law school that teaches and trains lawyers who are qualified and committed to serving the community.”

The LRAP Solution
Sources agree that one of the best solutions to the debt crisis faced by law graduates is the creation and expansion of LRAPs. Such programs provide financial assistance to graduates without undermining the institution’s financial support (namely tuition), and benefit the host law school as well as the legal profession and our society.

The program’s value to graduates is obvious and gratifying. Kelleher, who followed her passion for public service and took a job with the New York City Administration of Children’s Services, is now benefiting from the program she helped create. She handles child protection cases, foster care review, and family court matters, and she carries a heavy caseload—75 families—yet she makes just $45,000, lives in New York City, and pays nearly $800 a month in educational debt. “When I think about how much debt I have—$112,000 plus interest—I can’t breathe.”

When Kelleher was notified that she qualified to receive an LRAP grant, she was ecstatic. She plans to use the money to pay off her private loans first, leaving only her consolidated federal loans to contend with. “I am so proud to see what our program has become,” she says.

LRAP not only helps ensure that graduates like Owens, Kelleher, and Tesoro who are committed to public service are financially able to pursue the careers they are passionate about. The program also adds value to the Law School at the most fundamental levels.

“One important element of the Law School’s mission is to improve society through the legal profession,” Dean Guernsey says. “The LRAP helps Albany Law School fulfill this mission by making careers in public service possible for graduates.”

The LRAP program can also be a valuable tool for recruitment. “Many students come to law school knowing that they want to do some type of public service work. Having an LRAP program shows them that this is a law school that cares about public service,” Mayer says.

And prospective students are noticing. At a recent Admissions Open House, which had a record turnout, many students approached the staff to ask about LRAP. “Knowing that it expands their career choices and will be available to them when they graduate is a powerful selling point,” she says.

The benefits of LRAP reach beyond the law school campus to our society. “The ultimate goal of LRAP is to increase access to justice for poor individuals and those who traditionally have not received legal representation,” Connors says. “We hope that LRAP will not only draw the brightest and most dedicated students to Albany Law School, but will pave the way for them to enter public interest careers.”

LRAP Update
Please contact the Albany Law School Financial Aid Office at 518/445-2357 for LRAP eligibility requirements. Since this article was completed, nine additional recipients have received awards. The Student Bar Association donated an additional $10,000 to the Program, and the Class of 2005 recommended a donation LRAP as their class gift.
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If your news doesn’t appear in this issue:
Our deadline for the spring/summer issue is February 15.
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1948
Hon. Leonard Weiss received the Distinguished Alumni in Government Award in March at the Annual Alumni in Government Reception held at the New York State Executive Mansion.

1958
John B. Kinum of Glenmont, N.Y., of counsel at the Albany firm of McNamme, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., is current president of the Albany County Bar Association.

Ian G. MacDonald retired from the Dutchess County Attorney’s Office in July.

1959
J. Albert Barsamian of Albany is supervising administrative law judge at the New York State Public Employment Relations Board. He retired from private practice in 1996 and in 1998 retired as a full professor emeritus of criminal science from Russell Sage College. He has been acknowledged in Who’s Who in American Law, Who’s Who in Education, and Who’s Who in the World. He is also a recognized oenophile.

1960
Arnold C. Peer was named “Senior Counsel” to the Albany law firm, Pierro & Associates. He will maintain his office at the Sage Estates in Menands.

1966
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From the class agent:
Phil Caponera is still working diligently as in-house counsel at Marini Builders in Albany. He does get a chance to play golf occasionally.

Jim Cullum of Glens Falls, N.Y., is still hard at work in his firm of McPhillips, Fitzgerald, and Cullum.

Thomas Forrest reports that he and his wife Sue sold their house in Albany and moved to a new home in the Adirondacks in North River, N.Y. He stopped practicing law for a year and spent his time playing golf, tennis, skiing and hiking. Finding that was too much exercise, he went to work part-time with a small firm in North Creek in November and he is enjoying doing general practice.

Ralph Smith and his wife Barbara recently went skiing with classmate Thomas Forrest and his wife. They sold their home in Columbia County when Ralph retired from his position as federal magistrate in the Northern District and moved to Cape Cod, Mass. Ralph is also a retired United States Navy reserve captain and the Smiths enjoy taking advantage of Navy facilities during their travels to Hawaii.

1968
Paul Feinstein of Yonkers, N.Y., and his wife Martha, an art dealer, have three daughters. He writes, “My general practice business continues to grow, maybe too much. My ‘super-seniors’ team went to the Sectional USTA playoffs and lost to Buffalo, so I missed out on my chance for a national tennis championship— at least for this year.” He and his wife enjoy traveling, tennis, and the New York City nightlife.

1969
Hon. Richard T. Aulisi received the New York State Trial Lawyers Association’s award for judicial excellence in November. He practiced law in Gloversville, N.Y., for 30 years before being elected to the state Supreme Court in 1999. He is a member of the Fulton County, Montgomery County, and the New York State bar associations, the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, the New York State Italian-American Bar Association, the American Board of Trial Advocates and the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York. He and his wife, Ann, have four children and two grandchildren.

1972
John K. Powers was named chair of the New York State Bar Association Trial Lawyers Section. He previously served as treasurer, secretary and vice-chair of the section. A founding partner of Powers and Santola, LLP, he has served as president of the Capital District Trial Lawyers Association and the New York State Trial Lawyers Institute. He is co-founder and president of the New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers; serves on the board of directors for the Academy of Catastrophic Injury Attorneys; and is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, the Foundation of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the New Jersey Trial Lawyers Association, the Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association, and the Albany and Onondaga County bar associations.
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James N. Benedict joined the New York Office of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCoy. Prior to becoming a partner at Milbank, he was a senior partner of Clifford Chance (formerly Rogers & Wells) since 1982. He specializes in complex commercial litigation, with an emphasis on multiparty class and derivative suits on both state and federal levels. He regularly lectures at industry conferences and his articles have appeared in the *Cornell Law Review, New York University Law Review, and The Review of Securities and Commodities Regulation.*

Elizabeth K. Shequine of Millbrook, N.Y., reports she is still the town justice in the Town of Washington, Dutchess County. She has also served as a divorce mediator for the last ten years.

Bruce L. Trent of Scarsdale, N.Y., served as assistant district attorney in the Westchester District from August 1974 until May 1979. Since then he has had his own practice with a concentration in criminal law.

1976


Lynn C. Outwater presented the opening keynote session, “The Year in Review: What’s Been Happening in Employment Law?” at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s annual Employment Law Institute West. She is currently the managing partner of Jackson Lewis’ Pittsburg office.

1978

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*From the class agent:*

Kathryn Grant Madigan was re-elected secretary of the New York State Bar Association. She is a partner in the Binghamton, N.Y. firm of Levene Gouldin & Thompson, LLP. Madigan was also recently elected a Fellow in the American Bar Foundation. The Fellows is an honorary organization of attorneys, judges and law professors whose professional, public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities and to the highest principles of the legal profession. She and Deborah L. Kelly ’87 were also two of nineteen participants in a recent New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) delegation to Cuba to conduct research on the Cuban legal system and its institutions.

Frank Trotta and his wife have three children. Currently president and CEO of L.E. Trotta & Company, LLC in Greenwich, Conn., he has earned an LLM from New York University and an MBA from Columbia since graduating from Albany Law School. He has been active in the American Bar Association and serves on a number of federal and municipal advisory boards and commissions. He is president of the Lincoln Institute, an educational foundation devoted to the study of Abraham Lincoln and reports that he and Steve Lewis ’78 meet regularly at their children’s baseball games. Frank is the primary subject of *The Inheritance*, by Samuel G. Freedman.

Richard L. Weisz, a partner in the firm of Hodgson Russ LLP, recently presented “Discharging a Tax Liability (Canceling or Satisfying Assessments, Warrants, and Tax Liens)” at a recent seminar for New York tax practitioners and in-house counsel sponsored by Hodgson Russ. He was also a featured speaker at a recent Broome County Bar Association seminar, presenting on the impact of bankruptcy filings on personal injury litigation; treatment of property, maintenance, and other support provisions when paying spouse fees in bankruptcy; and buying, selling, and leasing real estate with bankrupt parties.

In other news:

Adrian Mecz joined the insurance practice of Chadbourne & Parke LLP as a partner in their London office.

Regina Quattrocchi reports that her agency, Bailey House, which provides supportive housing for people living with AIDS, honored Andrew Cuomo ’82 at their recent 20 for 20 Key Awards ceremony. Learn more about Bailey House at www.baileyhouse.org.

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*From the class agent:*

Frederic W. Burr and his wife have welcomed their sixth grandchild.

Donald R. Gerace of the Law Offices of Donald R. Gerace, is representing the Utica City School District in the first non-New York City Campaign for Fiscal Equity case suing the state regarding inadequate school funding. As a result of Utica’s suit, 25 other small city school districts will be commencing actions through the New York State Association of Small City School Districts.

Jerry A. Goldman, a principal at Fix Spindelman Browit and Goldman, is engaged in a general business practice with a concentration on real estate development, land use and zoning.

Larry P. Schiffer, a partner with LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, LLP in New York, was named in The International Who’s Who of Insurance & Reinsurance Lawyers, an extract from the 2005 edition of The International Who’s Who of Business Lawyers. He continues to be active in Wings Over Wall Street, which raises funds for research into Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as Lou Gherig’s Disease. He invites

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When some of the largest and most powerful companies in the world want to protect their patents, they ask for Bill Todd.

Todd is a specialist who describes himself as “30 years the patent lawyer,” with more than 20 years courtroom experience. He has litigated nearly 250 intellectual property cases, and tried more than 40 patent cases.

“You remember the trials better than settlements,” Todd says. “Every case I’ve tried is recorded in my memory.”

His career docket of patent matters is full of familiar names: 3M, Alcoa, Avon Products, Braun, Kraft Foods, Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, Unilever, and others.

Todd has worked on big cases from the very beginning of his career, starting with Standard Oil v. Montecatini and the “polypropylene interference.”

“It was 1977, and the world was turning into plastic,” Todd recalls. Four companies—Dupont, Phillips Petroleum, Standard Oil, and Italian chemical giant Montecatini—were fighting over the rights to this important new material, polypropylene.

Todd’s first law firm, New York City heavyweight Watson, Leavenworth, Kelton & Taggart, was representing Standard Oil.

Each company asserted that their employee was the rightful inventor of polypropylene. In fact, Montecatini’s candidate, Giulio Natta, won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his so-called invention of polypropylene. Alas, Montecatini and Natta were defeated in the case. “He had the Nobel Prize, but he didn’t have the patent,” Todd smiles.

Todd had been hired by Watson Leavenworth after graduating from Albany Law School. He had decided to go to law school after earning a bachelor’s degree in Chemical Engineering from Manhattan College and discovering that jobs were scarce due to the recession in 1973-74. At law school, he found his calling in intellectual property law.

“For a patent lawyer, it’s a logical career path to combine a technical education and a legal education.”

When Watson Leavenworth went out of business in 1981, Todd went to work for New York City patent firm Hopgood, Calimafde, and became a partner in 1987.

Todd considers one case, Glaxo v. Novopharm, to be his most memorable because of its sheer magnitude. The case involved the drug Zantac®, manufactured and patented by U.K.-based Glaxo. An anti-ulcerant also used to treat acid reflux, Zantac® was the best-selling drug in the world at the time.

In order to protect its patent from infringement, Glaxo sought out the best organic chemists from around the world to lend their expertise on the technology behind the legal issues.

“Zantac® was doing about $4 billion in annual sales, and had six years left on the patent. There was a very significant amount of money involved.”

Todd and the firm spent much of the 1990s protecting the principal Zantac® patent. They sued 15 other companies to keep them away from that valuable franchise.

“Patents are very powerful tools in the American economy. That’s because a patent is basically a legal monopoly for a finite period of time,” Todd says. “I can give my clients a tremendous competitive edge while they have the patents.”

After 18 years at Hopgood, Calimafde, Todd joined Dallas-based Bickel & Brewer (as in fellow Albany Law School graduate William A. Brewer, III ’77) to head up their New York City office. The firm earned a national reputation for litigating high-profile, high-stakes cases.

One of those cases was Pechiney Rhenalu v. Alcoa. Their client, Alcoa, had the patent on the aluminum alloy used to make the Boeing 777. Alcoa was protecting its patent against French company Pechiney that wanted to make the aluminum and sell it to European aviation manufacturer Airbus.

Also while at Bickel & Brewer, one of Todd’s associates brought to his attention the plight of wheelchair athletes in the New York City Marathon. His associate’s brother claimed that the race sponsor discriminated against wheelchair racers by blocking their progress so foot racers could proceed, and by not offering them media coverage or prize money.

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The firm committed its resources to suing the New York Road Runners Club Inc. for violating the Americans with Disabilities Act. They won a settlement that resulted in significant changes to the marathon—wheelchair racers were now recognized and treated as part of the race.

That year, the firm’s client was a top finisher in the marathon and his trophy is displayed in Todd’s home office. “It was one of my most rewarding victories.”

After three years with Bickel
America was now conducting time for a change. Corporate & Brewer, Todd felt it was to be in the middle of the action.

In 2002, he joined international law firm Greenberg Traurig LLP as a shareholder in their Intellectual Property practice. The firm is ranked No. 8 in the National Law Journal’s listing of the largest law firms in the U.S.

Todd’s impressive patent trial experience has led to other opportunities. The second largest company in Korea, LG Electronics, retained him to act as an expert on American patent law the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) in London.

For the past several months, Todd has worked on a series of cases for New York-based Enzo Biochem, to protect its patents relating to DNA marker detection technology. One case, *Enzo Biochem v. Orchid Biosciences*, pitted them against the company that identified the victims of 9/11.

He has also been doing a great deal of work for the aviation industry, which means frequent trips to Seattle, where Boeing manufactures most of its airplanes.

When he does make it home to Bedford Village in Westchester County, he spends time with his wife, Leigh-Elizabeth, and their two sons, William, 7, and Alexander, 2.

those interested in learning more to contact him or visit www.wingsoverwallstreet.org for more information.

**In other news:**

Michael Barabander joined Grotta, Glassman & Hoffman, the largest labor and employment firm in New Jersey.

1980

Sue Jacobson, of Sarasota, Fla., is senior counsel with Holland & Knight, LLP in Bradenton, Fla.

Leslie Kernan, Jr., joined the Rochester firm of Davidson, Fink, Cook, Kelly & Galbraith, LLP, reuniting with classmate Paul Kelly, among other Albany Law School alums.

1981

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Steven Aceti, executive director of the California Coastal Coalition, heads the firm of Iger & Associates newly launched San Diego Office. Along with general governmental relations guidance, Aceti will provide specific expertise to clients of the firm in many areas, including navigation of regulatory issues, coastal development planning, matters involving water quality and private sector to public agency interface.

Ellen Coccome of Oneonta, N.Y., was appointed to the Third Judicial Department’s Committee on Professional Standards by Presiding Justice Anthony V. Cardona of the Supreme Court, Appellate Division. She is special counsel at Hinman, Howard, and Katell LLP.

Andrew J. Turro received the Partner in Justice Award from Nassau Suffolk Law Services at the sixth annual Commitment to Justice Dinner.

1982

Mitchell F. Borger was elected chair of the Corporate Counsel Section of the New York State Bar Association. He is operating vice-president and assistant general counsel at Federated Department Stores, Inc. in New York. He is also a member of the American Corporate Counsel Association.

Andrew Cuomo was honored by Bailey House, which provides supportive housing for people living with AIDS, at their recent 20 for 20 Key Awards ceremony. Regina Quattrrochi ’78 presented the award. Learn more about Bailey House at www.baileyhouse.org.

Stephen P. Younger, a partner in the law firm of Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler, LLP has been elected chair of the New York State Bar Association’s Commercial and Federal Litigation Section.

1983

Jeff Anderson opened a law firm with Peter Moschetti ‘84 and David Taffany ‘84, Anderson, Moschetti, Taffany, PLLC, in Latham, N.Y., concentrates in personal injury and criminal defense.

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Richard Chalilfox was promoted to Senior Vice President at U.S. Trust. Previously, he was a vice president and business development officer in the firms Garden City office from 2001-2004. He joined U.S. Trust as a vice president and client relationship officer in 1997.

Peter Moschetti and David Taffany opened a law firm with Jeff Anderson ‘83. Anderson, Moschetti, Taffany, PLLC, in Latham, N.Y., concentrates in personal injury and criminal defense.

Lisa Macagnone Young reports she has been traveling the country handling the regulatory side of a class action settlement. She has resumed horseback riding after a serious injury in summer, 2003.

1986

Greg Serio of Albany heads a new division of former Senator Alfonse D’Amato’s consulting and lobbying firm, Park Strategies.

1987

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Terresa M. Bakner of Albany received the 2004 Bernard E. Harvith Distinguished Environmental Service Award from Albany Law School. The award recognizes outstanding service on behalf of New York’s environment.
To say that Marty Barrington ‘80 likes a challenge is an understatement. After 10 years of law firm practice, he decided in 1993 to transition to practicing law in-house in the corporate world—and not just for any corporation but for one of the largest tobacco companies in the world.

Today, he is senior vice president and general counsel for Philip Morris International (PMI), which has net revenues of more than $339 billion and about 40,000 employees in 160 countries. From the company’s headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, he manages its law practice of 110 lawyers, 50 paralegals, along with legal analysts and support staff in 32 countries.

“My job is to make sure the law practice serves the business well,” Barrington says. “We are here to help our various business operations with any issues they may have.” PMI cigarette brands are manufactured at more than 7500 locations around the world and sold in over 160 countries.

“Obviously, we sell a controversial product. It involves some unique regulatory and legal issues that many products do not,” Barrington says. “Part of what our department does is try to help the business side do that in a responsible way.”

The department provides a range of services to the company, from helping launch new products or advertising campaigns to negotiating commercial arrangements, mergers and acquisitions, as well as performing dispute litigation and advising on employee or commercial matters.

Being an inside lawyer in the corporate environment is very different from working in a law firm. “At a law firm, everyone worships the law. In the corporate environment, you practice alongside experts in many different areas, all coming from different perspectives,” he explained.

Before taking this post in 2003, Barrington had never lived abroad nor practiced international law, and finds it much more complex than domestic business law. PMI manufactures and sells a controversial product in many countries around the world with different rules, regulations, and languages. “Such a complex and widespread business provides a rich diversity of legal issues,” he said.

In addition to overseeing the company’s legal practice, Barrington is also a participating member of PMI’s executive management team, providing input on both legal and business matters. He is well-qualified, having held leadership positions with both PMI’s parent company, Altria Group, Inc., and its United States operating company, Philip Morris Inc. (PMUSA).

Barrington first worked with PMUSA while at the Richmond, Virginia-based law firm of Hunton & Williams. He practiced labor and employment law for management, and Philip Morris Inc. was one of his major clients. When they were looking for a lawyer to support their factory and research operations in Richmond, they asked Barrington to join the company. After much reflection, he decided to take on the challenge. He continued to practice labor and employment law, and worked on commercial and environmental matters.

Two years later, he transferred to PMUSA’s headquarters in New York City, where he learned more about the financial side of the business, as well as advertising and marketing, and dealt with commercial litigation. After a one-year stint back in Richmond, he settled in to the New York City headquarters again, and in 1998 became general counsel.

In 2000, he moved up to their holding company’s offices in the same Park Avenue building. He became vice president and associate general counsel for Altria Group, Inc., a worldwide consumer packaged goods conglomerate whose operating companies include tobacco companies PMUSA and PMI, as well as Kraft Foods North America and Kraft International.

He provided legal advice to several of Altria’s global business functions, supervised legal practice groups, and helped manage the worldwide law department until the opportunity came in 2003 to “go worldwide” himself and move to Switzerland for the head legal post at PMI.

The road to Lausanne began in Albany, N.Y., where he grew up, attended the College of Saint Rose, and enrolled in Albany Law School with the Class of 1980. He describes his time at Albany Law with the particularly tight-knit class as “terrific,” “fantastic,” and “some of the best years I’ve spent anywhere.”
Deborah L. Kelly, formerly with Hodgson Russ LLP, has joined Siena College as an assistant professor of management. While still in practice, she and Kathryn Grant Madigan ’78 were two of nineteen participants in a recent New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) delegation to Cuba to conduct research on the Cuban legal system and its institutions.

John Reilly was named the city of Albany’s corporate counsel by Mayor Gerald Jennings.

Robert Bilotti of Parsippany, N.J., has been appointed senior vice president, franchise sales and development, of Cendant Corporation’s Hotel Group.

Glenn Fjermedal of Rochester, N.Y., recently merged his own practice, Ramussen & Fjermedal LLP, with Lacy Katzen. He is a partner at the new firm.

Richard R. Maguire of Delmar, N.Y., a partner in the litigation firm of D’Agostino, Krackeler, ALBANY LAW SCHOOL MAGAZINE Fall/Winter 2004 31
Baynes & Maguire, PC, had an article published in the January 2005 edition of the New York State Bar Journal. In the article, he addressed the effective and persuasive use of expert witnesses in personal injury cases.

Brian Reichenbach married Laurie Stewart in May.

Todd Robinson is an associate at Cohen, Estits & Associates in Goshen, N.Y. His practice is concentrated on real estate, financing, estate planning, and corporate transactions. He has two children, Rachel and Leah.

John H. Stockman joined the law firm of Armstrong Teasdale LLP in Springfield, Illinois. He is a member of the firm’s business services department where he concentrates primarily on real estate, municipal law, business organization, and corporate law, in addition to a broad range of other areas including appellate law.

In August, the U.S. Senate confirmed President George W. Bush’s nomination of Michael J. Garcia ’89, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York for a term of four years.

Previously, Garcia headed up immigration enforcement at the Department of Homeland Security.

Garcia earlier served as clerk in the New York Court of Appeals and served as Assistant Attorney in the Southern District from 1992 to 2002. An award-winning assistant federal prosecutor previous to his Homeland Security position, Garcia brings significant experience to his new post as Manhattan’s top federal prosecutor. He was on the prosecution team that in May 2001 won convictions of four defendants accused of conspiring with Osama bin Laden in the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. He also was involved in prosecutions related to the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center, and in the prosecution of three terrorists charged with conspiring to plant bombs aboard American passenger airlines in the Far East.

Prof. David Siegel said of his appointment, “From what I gather, Mike is the first and only graduate of Albany Law School ever appointed to a position in the Southern District, one of the most prestigious offices in the federal justice system. It is a feather in our cap that he now returns there as its chief.”

Garcia, who graduated summa cum laude from Albany Law as valedictorian, was the special guest and speaker at the 25th Anniversary celebration of Albany Law School’s Government Law Center in 2004 and has stayed in regular contact with faculty and fellow alumni. He has cited Prof. David Siegel’s course on New York procedure as being helpful in preparation for the bar and in his work at the New York Court of Appeals. He told Albany Law School Magazine, “Albany Law School opened a lot of doors for me. The School was very, very generous and made it possible for me to go to law school full-time.”

As head of immigration enforcement, Garcia oversees 14,000-15,000 employees, including 6,000 federal agents. The bureau is responsible for immigration and customs investigations, detention, and deportation of illegal aliens, the protection of key federal buildings, and air and marine enforcement.

A Long Island native, Garcia will have the opportunity to return to his home state upon confirmation. He currently resides in Washington D.C. with his wife, an FBI agent, and three children.

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Kelly McKenney writes that she has purchased a new home and has started a law firm, McKenney & Mathys, LLC in Aspen, Colo. The firm will concentrate on business debt collection and real estate. She writes that she is proud to see that the Environmental Outlook Journal and Journal of Science and Technology are going strong.
past eight years, he has served as in-house counsel to Independent Health Association, Inc., most recently as Senior Deputy Counsel and a member of the senior management team.

1992

Linda Clark joined the Albany office of Hiscock & Barclay as a partner in March. She will concentrate in commercial, personal injury, and health care litigation. She is Court Appointed Liaison Counsel for the Fourth Judicial District Asbestos Litigation and the Third Judicial District. She is also Court Appointed Special Liaison Counsel for the Fifth Judicial District.

Kathleen Duffett of Cold Springs, N.Y., opened a legal and health care consulting practice, focusing on regulatory compliance issues unique to healthcare organizations and providers. She can be contacted at kduffett@optonline.net.

Noreen DeWire Grimmick has been elected partner at the Albany office of Hodgson Russ LLP. She concentrates her practice in employment law, professional licensing and discipline, insurance defense litigation, and railroad litigation. She is also a registered nurse, and has been an adjunct faculty member at Siena College and SUNY Utica/Rome.

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Virginia Killbary Morrow will celebrate her tenth year representing the Adirondack North Country in Saranac Lake, N.Y., where she maintains a small law firm. She lives with her husband and four children on the shore of Lake Flower.

Sean Murphy joined the international firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP in the New York office. He was formerly a partner in the litigation department of Clifford Chance.

Matthew Murray is a senior trial attorney with Allstate Insurance. He previously worked with the Nassau County District Attorney’s Office and in private practice. He has a five year old son, Matthew.

Claudette Newman of Gilbertsville, N.Y., is the principal law clerk to Hon. Kevin M. Dowd of the New York State Supreme Court. She has three children, Scarlett, Sandra, and Ethan.

Heather J. Redlich and Warren Redlich announce the birth of their second daughter, Hannah May Redlich, born in February.


In other news:
Barbara Fifield-Guzman of Schenectady, N.Y., has joined Englert, Coffey & McHugh. She will focus on matrimonial and family law, as well as not-for-profit corporation law.

Megyn Kelly Kendall writes that after a year of moonlighting as a legal reporter with the ABC affiliate in Washington, D.C., while maintaining her position at Jones Day, she has decided to make the leap into television full-time. She is based out of the Washington, D.C., bureau of the Fox News Channel and can be seen on the network nationwide.

Daniel G. Vincelette is an associate attorney at Tuczinski, Cavalier, Burstein & Collura, P.C. He specializes in real property tax litigation, representing municipalities, commercial and corporate clients. He wrote the chapter “Small Claims Assessment Review” within the treatise Review and Reduction of Real Property Assessments in New York, published by the New York State Bar Association.

Brendan Chudy has been elected a partner in the Albany office of Harris Beach LLP. He is a member of the commercial real estate development and finance; public finance and economic development; and financial institutions practice groups at the firm.

Shannon Hoffman Eggleston is the director of the American Association of the State Highway and Transportation Officials’ Center for Environmental Excellence. She previously served as assistant environmental counsel at the New York State Thruway Authority in Albany since 1998. She and her husband reside in Lothian, Md.

Stephanie W. Ferradino and her husband Matthew J. Dorsey welcome the birth of their daughter, Graciella Patricia, in September 2004. Stephanie is a partner at Jones Ferradino in Saratoga Springs and focuses her practice on real estate development/ zoning/ planning. Her husband Matt is the City Attorney in Saratoga and a partner in the Dorsey Law Firm.


Peter Lauricella has joined the firm Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP in Albany as Of Counsel. He has expertise in commercial, creditors’ rights, construction, liability defense and government litigation matters.

Jennifer Hynek Lawson is with the Concord, NH firm of Rath, Young and Pignatelli which acquired her previous firm, Stalter & Kennedy, P.C. in April. She is dividing her time between the firm’s Boston and Concord offices. She continues to practice in the areas of bonds and commercial real estate, as well as general corporate work.

Dormer Stephen was promoted to partner at the New York LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, LLP.

Kenneth D. Suzan, a senior associate in Hodgson Russ LLP’s Intellectual Property & Technology Practice Group, gave a presentation at a meeting of the Bar Association of Erie County’s Intellectual Property, Computer, and Entertainment Law Committee in April. His article, “Expand Your Brand Into the U.S” was published in the October, 2004 issue of The Lawyers Weekly and appeared in the conference program for the Canadian Corporate Counsel Association’s annual spring conference held recently in Toronto, Ontario.

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From the class agent:
Robert Bennison moved to Atlanta, Ga., where he is global general counsel and corporate secretary for Regent Medical Limited, a medical products and pharmaceutical company. He previously clerked for Former Chief Judge Thomas J. McAvoy, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York and was associate general counsel for SSL International, PLC. He and his wife Laura have a 9-month old daughter, Hannah Regan.


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Traci Boris became a partner with the Fayetteville, New York firm of Gale & Dancks, LLC in March. She resides with her husband and two children in Stittville, New York and is a member of the Stittville Volunteer Fire Department.

Keiki Cabanos was selected as a 40 Under Forty winner by the Capital District Business Review. The program recognizes outstanding members of the Albany business community under the age of forty.
Kimberly Boucher Furnish is employed at Conway & Kirby LLP in Niskayuna, N.Y.

Peter R. Keane was recently promoted to Senior Attorney at the NYSERDA.

Marie Roccapriore works at Regnier, Taylor, Curran & Eddy in Hartford, Conn.

Rachel N. Schatten was recently named U.S. general counsel and chief compliance officer for HARDTGROUP, a hedge fund investment management firm with offices in Vienna, London, and New York City. She was previously engaged in the private practice of corporate law with Schulte Roth & Zabel’s investment management group. Before joining Schulte Roth in 2001, she was associated with Paul Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP and Battle Fowler LLP.

Patricia Shevy was named partner in the Rowlands & Clark Law Firm LLC, which is associated with the BST Advisory Network LLC in Colonie, N.Y. She joined the firm two years ago and has focused her practice in the areas of estate planning, business succession planning and elder law. She is also the president of the Watervliet City School District’s Board of Education.

Eileen Kuklis Smith was elected president of the Board of Directors of the Capital District Catholic Charities Disabilities Services. She is an attorney at Bond, Schoeneck & King’s Albany office and is a frequent lecturer on a variety of Labor and Employment Law topics.

J. Anthony Van Ness started his own real estate practice in the greater Fort Lauderdale area. He specifically caters to servicers/lenders in the default industry and specializes in foreclosures as well as commercial and residential closings. He is married and welcomes any alumni to look him up when in South Florida. He can be contacted at tvanness@vannesslawpa.com.

Kristen Mollnow Walsh and her husband Brian celebrated the birth of their first child, Ella Bailey, in December.

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From the class agent:
Lisa Ruoff Purdy has joined Segal, Goldman, Mazzotta & Siegel, P.C. in Albany.

Donald Ross has accepted a position with the New York State Department of Economic Development as deputy commissioner and general counsel.


In other news:
Stephen R. Acquario was named executive director of the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) in March. He joined NYSAC in 1989 and has served as interim executive director since December 2004. Previously, he was general counsel and legislative director of the Albany-based group.

Colleen D. Galligan has joined the Albany office of Hiscock & Barclay, LLP as an associate within the commercial litigation practice area. She focuses her practice on all aspects of complex environmental, toxic tort, and insurance coverage litigation including state court actions involving groundwater, chemical exposure, oil spills, lead paint, asbestos, and federal court actions under CERCLA and RCRA.

Julie Michaels Keegan established her own practice devoted to special education law and future care planning for children and adults with disabilities in Albany.

Matthew N. Wells joined the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC in the firm’s Syracuse, N.Y. office. He was previously employed at Cahill Gordon & Reindel in New York City.

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Lynn Coles of Niskayuna, N.Y., is an associate in the Albany firm Pierro & Associates, LLC. She will specialize in the areas of estate planning, trusts and estates, estate administration, and elder law. She was most recently with the firm Lavelle & Finn.

Amy Gaynor and Benjamin Farber ’02 of Albany were married in June, 2004.

Alyson (Rosenberg) Knipe and her husband Peter announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Danielle in April in Princeton, N.J.

Karen Folster Lesperance of Highland, N.Y., has joined McCabe & Mack LLP as an associate attorney in the commercial litigation department.

Candice Panichi joined Cannon Heyman & Weiss LLP in Albany as an associate attorney. In her new position, she concentrates on senior affordable housing, real estate, commercial finance and corporate law.

Sara Osborne was named president of the Schuyerville Central School District’s Board of Education. She is assistant counsel with the New York State Legislative Bill Drafting Commission, a position she has held for four years. She and her husband, Dick, have two children. Nate is a senior in high school and Gillian attends Columbia University.

Jennifer and Justin Proper celebrated the birth of their daughter, Isabella, in December.

Sandi Pritchard VanWormer and her husband Jim welcomed a daughter, Amelia Barbara, in November, 2004.

Erica Wolfe-Pritchard married Mark Pritchard in September, 2004. The couple relocated to England where she was...
admitted to the Roll of English Solicitors in September, 2004. She and her husband reside in West Midlands, England and she is employed as a solicitor (lawyer) with Enoch Evans.

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Michelle A. Baptiste of Freeport, N.Y., has joined the labor and employment law practice of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC. She joins the firm’s Garden City, N.Y., office as an associate. Her practice focuses on employment discrimination claims, wage and hour law issues, labor arbitrations and employer counseling.

Jessica Brenes is employed at an agency for the New York City Administration for Children’s Services. She prosecutes child abuse and neglect cases in family court. She also conducts hearings on the termination of parental rights making it possible for children who are lingering in the foster care system to be adopted.

Tracey Brooks has been named as Sen. Hillary Clinton’s Capital District/Hudson Valley regional director. She will work as an upstate constituent liaison. Clinton called her “a bright and articulate woman who has certainly proven to be whole-heartedly committed to the needs of the people in this region.”

Matthew F. Fuller has been named a partner in the Glens Falls law firm of FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth PC.


Catherine Hedgeman, an attorney in the Albany firm of Hiscock & Barclay, was selected as a 40 Under Forty winner by the Capital District Business Review. The program recognizes outstanding members of the Albany business community under the age of forty.

She is a founding member of GenNEXT, the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce’s council dedicated to promoting the region’s economic vitality through the attraction and retention of young professionals and business leaders. She was also recognized as a 2005 Albany Chamber of Commerce Women of Excellence Honoree in June. This award recognizes women who have found success in their professional careers and given back to others through community service.

Karen McGrory joined the Law Offices of John W. Bailey & Associates, P.C. in Albany. She can be reached at kemcgrory@jwbaileylaw.com.

Karen A. Moreno of Alexandria, Va., accepted a six-month appointment as a special assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, where she will prosecute sex offenses and domestic violence cases.

Heather Sullivan Riley married Justin Riley in March of 2003.

Amy Royal and her husband had a baby boy, Dylan LePage Royal, in July. She continues to work as a labor and employment attorney with Skoler, Abbott & Presser, in Springfield, Mass.

Hon. Michael and Tara Sciotino celebrated the birth of their daughter, Julia Grace, in November.

John R. Vero of Albany, an associate attorney in the corporate practice group, health-care practice group and governmental relations practice group at Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP, was elected first vice president of the Alumni Council of Union College. He was recently named to the Capital District Business Review’s 40 Under Forty for 2005, which recognizes outstanding members of the business community under the age of forty. He is a founding member of GenNEXT, the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce’s council dedicated to promoting the region’s economic vitality through the attraction and retention of young professionals and business leaders.

Christopher Brantigan is operations and sales manager for Nationwide Equities, a mortgage company in Albany, and a member of the steering committee of GenNEXT, the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce’s council dedicated to promoting the region’s economic vitality through the attraction and retention of young professionals and business leaders.

Andrea F. Composto joined her father, attorney Frank A. Composto, as a partner in the family’s Joralemon Street Firm. She chairs the Young Lawyers Committee of the Brooklyn Bar Association and the Young Lawyers Section of the Columbian Lawyers Association.

Scott Harms has opened his own private practice, Law Office of Scott Harms, P.C., in Albany.
Autrey Johnson and Michele Anne Bernard were married in September, 2004.

Patrick K. Jordan and Laura M. Diel '03 were married in December 2003.

Kristie Haslinger Stromecki joined Hiscock & Barclay, LLP as an associate attorney in the Buffalo office. She concentrates in civil litigation, which includes but is not limited to the areas of insurance and liability defense as well as appellate work. She was previously a court attorney with the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department.

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From the class agent:
Maria Dracker Ascenzo is an associate at Smith, Sovik, Kendrick & Sugnet, P.C. in Syracuse. Previously, she was law clerk to Hon. Frederick J. Scullin, Jr., Chief Judge for the Northern District of New York for a term of one year. She married Jeffery Ascenzo in August 2003.

Lisa Bonacci is assistant counsel for the New York State Department of Economic Development in Albany.

Tracy B. Dam is an associate attorney with the law firm of Meyers & Meyers, LLP, in Albany.

Laura M. Diel and Patrick K. Jordan '02 were married in December 2003. Laura is an associate with the firm of Powers & Santola, LLP in Albany.

Allison B. Frischling is an associate with the law firm of Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP in Mineola, N.Y.

Kiley D. Scott has joined Tully & Associates, a professional limited liability company in Hunter, N.Y., as a senior associate in its criminal and family law litigation division. Previous to joining the firm, he worked for Solomon and Solomon in Albany.

Matthew Vinciguerra is an assistant district attorney at the Bronx District Attorney’s Office.

In other news:
Adam Bear is currently working in the Ft. Lauderdale office of the Chicago-based firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson. He will continue to work in the worker’s compensation defense area.

Meredith Dulberg is a staff attorney with Wolf, Haldenstein, Adler, Freeman, & Hertz LLP in New York City.

William G. Kelly married Kim Farquharson in February.

Michael E. Kenneally, Jr. has been appointed to the legal staff of the Association of Towns. He was previously employed at a private practice law firm.

Jacqueline Zore married Robert Smrek. Jacqueline is an associate with Turley, Redmond & Rosasco, LLP in Ronkonkoma, N.Y. Robert is a senior loan coordinator with Washington Mutual in Uniondale, N.Y.

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Douglas M. McRae joined Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC as an associate in the Syracuse, N.Y. office.

Lynn C. Welthy joined Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC as an associate in the Albany office.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Tenth Annual Alumni Golf Tournament
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Tee-Off)

Continuing Legal Education Course
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Scholarship Reception
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Barrister Ball and Presentation of the 2005 Alumni Awards
6:30 p.m Cocktails
7:30 p.m. Dinner

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

Welcome from President & Dean Thomas F. Guernsey and Toast to Senior Partners
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Tours of the Law School Campus/Dedication of the Alumni Entrance
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Albany Aqua Ducks (Tours of Albany by land and water)
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Alumni Picnic & Alumni vs. Student Rugby Game
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Class Celebrations
Beginning at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, or to attend, please contact the Alumni Office at 518/445-3220 or visit www.alsalumni.com.

2005 ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

The National Alumni Association congratulates the following 2005 Award Recipients:

Trustees’ Gold Medal Award—Matthew H. Mataraso ’58

Distinguished Alumni Award—Frank L. Fernandez ’80

Donald D. DeAngelis Excellence in Alumni Service Award—John M. Bagyi ’96

Outstanding Young Alumni Award—Molly A. Wilkinson ’96
Bernard Ellenbogen and his wife, Mary Ellenbogen both of Albany, New York, died in a swimming pool accident at their Florida home on March 12, 2005. He and his wife, Mary, were founding members of Congregation Ohav Sholom in Albany and served as the congregation’s attorney for 21 years. He was a member of the NYS and the Albany Bar Associations and, at age 90, received a commendation from the NYS Bar Association. He had an extensive law library with books dating back to 1737. He was reputed to be the oldest living practicing attorney in the Capital District.

Edward Dermody of Binghamton, New York passed away on March 31. A former trustee of Albany Law School, he practiced law in Binghamton for over fifty years and retired from the law firm of Coughlin & Gerhart. He was a member of the New York State Bar Association, past president of the Broome County Bar Association, past president of the Binghamton School Board. He was an army veteran of World War II, attaining the rank of Captain; member of the American Legion, Post 80; the Knights of Columbus, Peter T. Campon Council #206; and a member of the Binghamton Club.

Douglas L. Manley of Guilderland, died January 27 at Baptist Nursing Center in Scotia. He was an Army veteran of World War II, having served in the horse cavalry training, the intelligence school, and a Chinese language program. Among his many accomplishments, he helped establish the Social Justice Center in Albany, was a member of the Appeals and Opinions Bureau of the State Attorney General’s Office, served as assistant attorney general in the NYS Department of Law, and was known through the Capital District as a legal activist in defense of human rights, social justice and world peace.

Arthur L. Murtagh of Constable, New York died Friday, April 8 at his home. He attended Plattsburgh State Teachers College for one year until he was called into service by the United States Marine Corps. He helped in the occupation of Okinawa Shima, Ryuku Islands. As a 1st Lieutenant, USMCR, his special duties included lecturing to Marines in North China after VA day on political reasons for U.S. presence in China. Following his graduation from law school, he was a professor a Paul Smith’s College in Paul Smith’s New York. Beginning in April 1951 through 1971, he became a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In November 1975, he provided testimony before the Select Committee on Intelligence as part of the Watergate investigation and is included in a book written by Mark Lane and Dick Gregory, Code Name Zorro. After retiring from the F.B.I., he returned to the North Country where he organized and directed a Police Science curriculum at Clinton Community College, and was a consultant and lecturer for the New York State Department of Corrections. During that time he maintained a part-time practice of law in Malone and Constable, New York. From 1974–1985, he was the Director of the Criminal Justice Program at Clarkson University in Potsdam New York. After leaving Clarkson, he continued to practice law in Malone and Constable, N.Y. into the early 1990s. His daughter, Karen Murtagh-Monks, graduated from Albany Law School in 1985.

Douglas L. Manley

Hon. James P. O’Donnell Jr., 84, of Herkimer, N.Y., died February 4, 2005. A World War II Marine Veteran, he joined his father’s law practice upon his graduation from the Law School. He went on to serve as Herkimer village attorney before being elected to the New York State Supreme Court where he remained until 1983. He was the first Herkimer County resident in more than a century to be elected to the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court where he served until 1986.

Arthur L. Murtagh

Gerald T. Hennessy, 91, of Schenectady, N.Y., died on February 12, 2005. A World War II Army Veteran, he began to practice general law in Schenectady in 1951. He served as counsel to the Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority between 1963 and 1968. He was a member of the State Bar Association’s Committee on Character and Fitness from 1981 to the present.

Harry T. Shaw, 82, of Port Henry, N.Y., died May 24, 2004. After graduating from the Law School, he opened his own private practice in the Village of Port Henry and maintained that practice for 40 years. He was the village attorney for 30 of those years. He served as arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association and was the attorney for several area banks and other associations. He was a member and past secretary of the Essex County Bar Association.

Charles F. Murray, 73, of Tupper Lake, N.Y., died August 31, 2004. A former claims adjuster for Travelers Insurance, he joined the Tupper Lake National Bank as counsel in 1964 and was elected to the board in 1969, serving as board secretary, vice president and president. After being elected to the Tupper Lake Central School Board of Education in 1970, he served as president for nearly a decade. He was also the village attorney for more than 25 years.
Daniel Taylor, 72, of Penn Yan, N.Y., died on February 1, 2005. An Army Veteran, he practiced law in Penn Yan for 37 years. He served as law clerk for the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court Third Judicial Department; secretary to the Yates County Civil Service Commission; and assistant counsel to the New York State Assembly. He also served as Yates County assistant district attorney and Yates County district attorney. He served 17 years as Penn Yan Village attorney.

Peter Porco, 52, of Delmar, N.Y., died November 15, 2004. After graduating from the Law School he served as an assistant public defender for Albany County and was also involved with the private practice of Ainsworth & Sullivan. He was a law guardian in the Third Department, representing the interests of children in Albany County Family Court and later served as law clerk to the late Justice William McDermott. He served the last 14 years as law clerk to Hon. Anthony V. Cardona, presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of Supreme Court of the State of New York. The Class of 1977 is leading an effort to raise funds for improvements to the Dean Alexander Moot Courtroom in the memory of Peter Porco ’77 Memorial Fund.

John J. Keeley passed away in February at the Northeast Center for Special Care in Lake Katrine. He worked for the New York State Department of Corrections for 32 years and retired as a senior parole office from Naponach Prison. His accomplishments include serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Saugerties Historical Society, Grand Marshal of the Saugerties 4th of July Parade, Jaysees Man of the Year, and the first Freeman Sportsman of the Year.

Edward Fane, 62, of Queensbury, N.Y., died on January 28, 2005. A practicing attorney for more than 30 years, he was a founding partner in the law firm of Fane & Barber.

Woody N. Klose, 65, of Red Hook, N.Y., died September 29, 2004. A former radio and television broadcaster, he returned to the place where he was raised to open his own law firm. He later began his political career in Dutchess County as the assistant to the county executive. In 1988 he was appointed to a seat on the Dutchess County Legislature, where he remained until 2002. In 2003 he held the post of deputy town supervisor.

Marcia E. Plato passed away at her home in Averill Park on March 11 after battling a long illness. Prior to attending Albany Law School, she worked for several years as a social worker in the intensive care nursery at Albany Medical Center and then at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Staten Island. After her graduation from Albany Law School, she worked for the New York State Bar Association until 1986 when she was employed by the New York State Crime Victims Board.

Deborah Levine of Arlington, Va., died April 2, 2004. Since October 2001, she had served as the director of community services and consumer legal affairs at ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia, Inc. She previously served as public policy coordinator and mental health advocate with The Green Door in Washington, D.C. In 1993, she was policy assistant to the workgroup focused on Americans lacking health coverage on the White House’s National Health Care Reform Task Force.

Herbert W. Patterson passed away September 22, 1997.

Walter Christopher O’Connell, Jr. passed away October 10, 2003.
The Albany Law School community was saddened to learn of the death of longtime supporter and friend, Hon. Harold R. Tyler, Jr. on May 25, 2005.

Judge Tyler has been an invaluable member of the Law School community, having been both a distinguished visiting faculty member for a number of years and most recently an adjunct faculty member. Judge Tyler was most vocal in his support of a Science and Technology Law program at ALS and was instrumental in the development of the Science and Technology Law Center. He also served as chair of the Science and Technology Advisory Board from its inception in 1999 until he passed away in 2005.

His legacy will live on at Albany Law School through The Honorable Harold R. Tyler, Jr. Chair in Law and Technology. Through the generous contributions of alumni and friends, the Tyler Chair was established in 1996 in honor of Judge Tyler to attract a legal scholar with a national reputation for research and publication excellence in the area of law and technology. Sheldon W. Halpern, a professor at The Ohio State University since 1984, joined the ALS faculty this fall as the most recent Tyler Chair (See Page 4).

Judge Tyler’s distinguished career included service as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York from 1953 to 1955 and as U.S. Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department from 1960 to 1961. He was appointed as a federal judge in the Southern District of New York by President John F. Kennedy in 1962 and served on the federal bench until 1975, when he was appointed Deputy Attorney General of the United States, serving until 1977. A partner at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler from 1977 to 1992, he was Of Counsel to the firm from 1992 until his death.

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Dear Alumni, Friends, and Campus Community

Annual Fund history has been made at Albany Law School. As National Chair of the Albany Law School Fund I am very pleased to report that during the past year Albany Law School alumni/a, friends, faculty, and staff have contributed more than $900,000 to the annual fund, an essential source of unrestricted dollars each year. This is the highest annual giving total in the School’s history and each of you who donated has truly “made a difference” at Albany Law School. What a remarkable accomplishment!

My pride in Albany Law School as an alumnus, a Trustee, and a parent is higher than ever this year, as the School continues to pursue excellence in students, faculty, education, and resources. I am excited by our progress toward the goals Dean Guernsey, the Board of Trustees and the faculty have set, and judging by the response to this year’s annual fund appeal, I think many alumni share that excitement.

In the 2004-2005 fiscal year 19 percent of alumni/a made an annual gift, a two percent increase. Continuous annual support by members of the ALS family strengthens the foundation from which we are able to provide today’s students with exceptional learning experiences.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers including our Barrister and National Alumni Association volunteers, Reunion Giving Chairs, Professor David Pratt, faculty chair, Joanne Casey, staff chair, and her staff annual fund committee, for their leadership in helping the Albany Law School Fund achieve such success.

Because of your response to our volunteers and staff, and to our mailings and phone calls, Albany Law School can continue to provide excellence in education and continue to achieve distinction in the legal community. Thank you for your support.

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During a visit in February, Mrs. Johnson shared recollections of the many Albany Law School students who worked in her husband’s practice, Richard C. Johnson Attorney at Law—where she also worked. Once, when interviewing a student for a position in her husband’s office, Mrs. Johnson noticed the student’s shoes weren’t polished. She asked him why he hadn’t shined them for an interview and he replied he was too busy studying, which she told him was a good answer.

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